

**September 2021**

# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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“Suspect each moment, for it is a thief, tiptoeing away with more than it brings.” — *John Updike, A Month Of Sundays*

“Time moves in one direction, memory another. We are that strange species that constructs artifacts intended to counter the natural flow of forgetting.” — *William Gibson, Distrust That Particular Flavor*

“It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone.” — *Andy Rooney*

“Time is more precious than gold, more precious than diamonds, more precious than oil or any valuable treasures. It is time that we do not have enough of; it is time that causes the war within our hearts, and so we must spend it wisely.” — *Cecelia Ahern, The Gift*

“Everyday is a bank account, and time is our currency. No one is rich, no one is poor, we've got 24 hours each.” — *Christopher Rice*

“But now isn't simply now. Now is also a cold reminder: one whole day later than yesterday, one year later than last year. Every now is labeled with its date, rendering all past nows obsolete, until — later of sooner — perhaps — no, not perhaps — quite certainly: it will come.” — *Christopher Isherwood, A Single Man*

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
**New Jersey Shore**



## **President's Message**

### **"Let's get ready to rumble!"**

With its absence last year due to Covid-19, the Three Club Rumble is on for **September 12th, 12:30PM** at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park in Long Branch NJ.

I am bringing my baseball bat, chain, and brass knuckles along with my Tylenol, Statin, Metamucil and Viagra in case any of the ladies from the other club fancy me.

Actually, what we do need, is others to get to the picnic a bit early to help with setup. If you can get there a bit early to help, please let me know. Let's show up in force, I hate for us to be outnumbered during our own hosted event.

As we enter the last quarter of 2021, I reflect, a bit regretfully, on my lack of planning and taking time off from work to do some longer rides and attend rallies, however, I do appreciate living vicariously through the many stories about rides you share at the club meetings and through the newsletters. I already have my New Year's resolution; plan rides for the year early!

All is not lost though, there are many great trips coming this fall including the legendary Oktoberfest (Sept 24-26th). Please check the schedule in this Newsletter for the schedule of events.

Fall is the time for me to combine my love for riding and photography and chase down the best fall foliage. I am planning to hit Route 6 and head to Pine Creek Gorge in PA and Letchworth State Park in NY. The claim is they are both the "Grand Canyon Of", one of Pennsylvania and the other "of the East". If anyone cares to join me, please let me know. Be warned I stop for every photo opportunity.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Rumble.

Regards,

Rick

## Schedule of Events – 2021

### September

- **September 1**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30  
Place to be determined
- **September 8**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale
- **September 12, 3-Club Rumble**, we're hosts. Seven-President's Park, Long Branch.
- **September 17-19**, BMW MOA Warren VT Sugarbush Resort
- **September 24 - 26**, NJSBMWR - Oktoberfest Crystal Brook Resort Round Top NY
- **September 24 – 26**, New Sweden's Last Chance Rally?

### October

- **October 6**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30  
Place to be determined
- **October 13**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

### November

- **November 3**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30  
Place to be determined
- **November 10**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

### December

- **December 1**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
- **December 8**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

## Club Meeting – August Minutes

*Jim Thomasey, Secretary*

The club held its meeting at Woody's in Farmingdale on Wednesday August 11. The sunny and very hot weather contributed to the light attendance. The treasurer reported just under \$1900 in the coffers and club membership remains at 66 paid members. With President Rick away, Ben was running the meeting. Items discussed included the recent MOA Getaway in the Poconos and the national rally held in MT. Both events were attended by a few members who opined the



events were well run and enjoyable and encouraged others to attend future runs.

The 3club Rumble will be held Sept 12 at Seven Presidents Park in Long Branch and the machinations of getting everything in order was talked about. This is a beautiful location and will certainly highlight the shore feeling of the Shore BMW Riders. The Rumble will begin at noon and continue to 3pm

The previous Ice Cream was discussed and the next scheduled for Wed August 18 at Hoffman's in Spring Lake Heights.

The Fluffy Butt contest is ongoing until the end of November and everyone is welcomed to download the 50 sites and ride to them. Many of the members are well into the list and are enjoying the variety of locations spanning the tri state area.

The 50/50 was won by Henning vdW and the treasured and sought after kick stand plates were awarded to two members, Mike Kowal and Rick Lehman.



## For Sale

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Hello ALL!

I have pair of black riding boots to calf for **FREE**..  
Almost new worn twice. BILT BRAND SIZE 11  
Matt Scamardella, 917-400-7356

### 2000 K1200LT

63,400 miles. \$4,000.  
Jim Cavallo 609-204-9907  
Illness forces sale.

## Oktoberfest 2021 September 24th-26th

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Our annual "event" - Oktoberfest is once again taking place at the Crystal Brook Resort, Round Top NY. It's not on Von Stuben day this year since the Crystal Brook was reserved for a wedding that weekend.

Other years the Oktoberfest was a "Full-American-Plan" event - where ALL meals and lodging were included in the price.

That has changed partly due to Covid. It's now a "Bread-and-Breakfast" plan. Your payment includes a sit-down big-ass breakfast and your lodging. The price has been adjusted accordingly. We arrive Friday afternoon and plan on leaving after breakfast on Sunday.

Dinners will be in the Mountain Brauhaus on the grounds of the Crystal Brook. Besides reserved seating in the Brauhaus we can expect the finest German food, beer and entertainment (Omm-Paa bands, dancing, foolishness as serious as only Germans can do..) Dinner (and drinks) are pay on your own.

So what's Oktoberfest about? It's the non-rally rally.

It's basically a gathering of NJ Shore members and their family and friends at an enjoyable location in the German Alps part of the Catskill Mountains of NY.

The area is a wonderful area to explore on 2 wheels. Besides a plethora of twisty and scenic roads, there are numerous historic sites within an easy ride of the Crystal Brook (Vanderbilt mansions, FRD's Presidential Library and his home at Hyde Park, Windermere (FDR's lady-friends family estate), Olana (the mountain home of Fredrick Law Church - a Hudson Valley School painter), historic and scenic Rhinebeck Village..

The Crystal Brook can be reached via highway (GSP, NY Thway) in just a bit over 3 hours. That's a nice ride - but nothing like the wonderful roads to be found cutting up through the Catskill Forest Preserve - that takes 5-6 hours depending on how much fun you want to have.

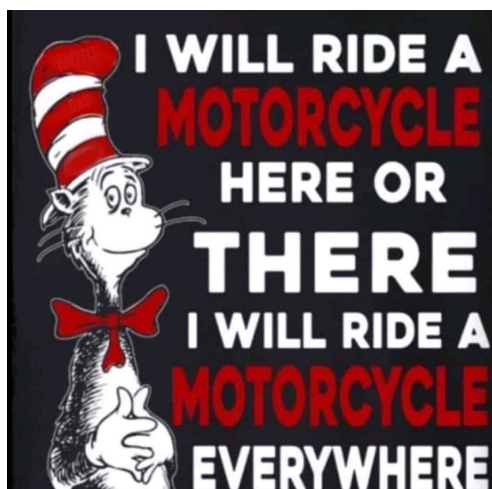
So what's required to go? Not a lot - you're on your own to reserve a room at the Crystal Brook. You can do that by calling **Wendy at 518-622-3751**. Do it soon, she has set aside rooms for us, but will be releasing them soon if she doesn't hear from our members.

BTW - in Germany Oktoberfest is celebrated mid-September to the beginning of October. *"The Oktoberfest is the world's largest Volksfest. It is held annually in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. It is a 16 to 18 day folk festival running from mid- or late September to the first Sunday in October, with more than six million people from around the world attending the event every year"*. Source: Wikipedia

## Three Months to GO

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Roger T



The 2021 FluffyButt club "scavenger" hunt is scheduled to end in November so there is plenty of time to start or to add to your FB sites.

I've done a few sites on my own but find it is more fun to have 2 or 3 others wandering along with me to some of these obscure sites.

It's even fun to revisit sites if fellow riders haven't done them yet because : 1) I know exactly the place and picture to take, and 2) it helps others to start to get traction in the event.

My approach to targeting several sites a time is to identify sites along my travel route. By that I mean, when I am headed to the Finger Lakes to our cottage, I'll identify sites that are pretty much along a route.



*Henning and I at FB Site*

The great thing is that my different routes to upstate NY have taken me into new territory rather than the typical slab-interstates that I follow. Henning von der Worge and I did a number of sites on the way to the MOA Rally in the Poconos.

Last week Joe Karol, Don Del Nero and I went to lunch in Allentown NJ and hit 3 sites on the way, roughly along I-195. (I already had credit for all the sites but they were new for Joe and Don.)

I am intrigued with the background of some of the sites.. For example Site # 29 **Edison Mine Plaque.**



*Edison Plaque*

First of all, this place is near Ogdesburg (not too far from Sparta in North NJ) and it's on a mountain... nice ride on a bike. Here's some background on Site 29: By 1880 about 91,000 tons of iron ore was taken from the Sparta Mountain mines.

This attracted the attention of Thomas Edison, who held a handful of untested patents related to ore processing. In 1889, he purchased a huge tract of land on Sparta Mountain including all of the previously operating mines and test pits, forming the "New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating Works and Edison Ore Milling Company." Edison built a massive experimental plant to process iron ore and a namesake village—houses, post office, general stores, blacksmith shop and train station—home for more than seven hundred miners, tradesmen, and their families.



Edison virtually deforested the mountain for the production of the charcoal needed to generate electricity to power his plant and the village he created—a mining and milling assembly line consisting of a network of conveyors, steam shovels, crushing rolls, magnetic separators, briquette machines, and trains from point to point. Because he couldn't produce ore at a competitive price, the plant closed in 1900. He invested \$2 million of his own money

Read more the details and see pictures at <https://www.njskylands.com/history-mines-sparta-mountain> which is another benefit of the FluffyButt Goggle maps/features that Jonathan created.

All the locations have websites for more information.

And I thought that Thomas A. Edison only invented the light bulb and a few other important electrical things?

Attendance of club meetings and specific rallies count towards overall FB points.

At the start of our last club meeting, I submitted picture of myself and a few members around the meeting tables. I made a mistake taking the picture inside Woody's; I didn't have my bike in the frame. An acceptable picture would have been with me, with MC gear, and piece of my bike showing the front of Woody's.

Oh well... can't go back in time for that one.

**Editor's Note:** At the August meeting it was decided that non-motorcycle entries by paid club members will be accepted – but whatever means is taken to obtain the photos (car, boat, bicycle?) must be used for ALL entries by that member and shown in the photos. This allows for participation by members who no longer are able to ride.

## New R1200GS based on the R-Nine-T?

(From MCN -

<https://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/new-bikes/bmw-r-nine-t-urban-gs-scrambler/>)

BMW is working on two new scramblers inspired by the early R80G/S. With a focus on competent off-road ability, it's likely these bikes will be successors to the R nine T Urban G/S and the Scrambler, and will be targeting Triumph's Scrambler 1200 models.

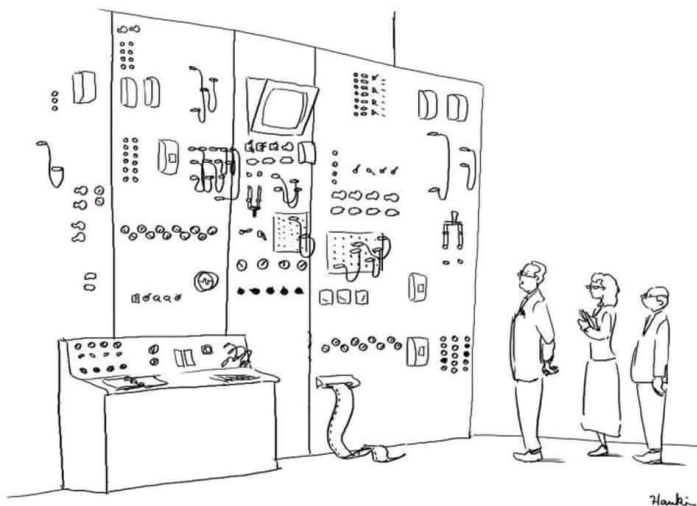


Original 2014 R-nine-T Urban GS

Up front both bikes have 21-inch spoked wheels shod with Metzeler Karoo 3 off-road tyres. Both also have longer travel suspension front and rear, however we'd expect the Urban G/S model to have 250mm front and rear while the Scrambler is more likely to have closer to 220mm.



For even more off-road prowess the G/S has the headers tucked up high by the engine, while the exhaust collector is stuffed up tight by the gearbox to

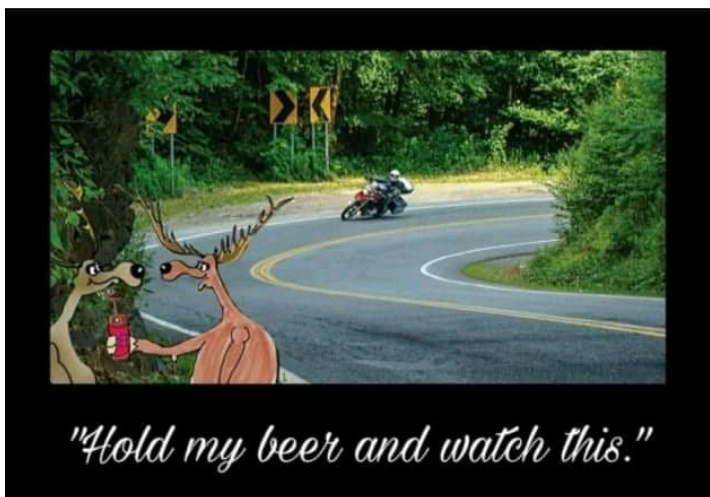


*"Someday, you'll be able to hold one of these in the palm of your hand while you poop."*

create as much ground clearance as possible.



Both bikes also sport a new seat unit, with the Urban G/S model having a single bench seat that's reminiscent of the early BMW rally bikes that were raced at Dakar. There are other nice off-road touches too including chunky footrests and levers, high mudguards and pillion peg hangers that appear to be removable.



## Chain Connection without Rivets

Roger T

I know most of you have forgotten what a motorcycle drive chain looks like, unless you occasionally see one on a bike alongside at a traffic light. Drive shafts and rear Drives have been the norm for BMW and many other brands for years... however a few of us own BMW "F" bikes which still employ drive chains or belts.

My last two bikes (F800GSA and current F850GSA) used 525 size chain. Besides really liking the bikes, I

was convinced the math made it more economical in the long run. Let's see,... the chain and sprockets cost \$300 and last about 25K miles. My R1150GSA rear drive lasted 80K miles and would have cost \$2000 to replace. So my reasoning was, back in 2015 when I purchased my F800, that 100K miles on an F bike would cost about \$1200 vs. a rear drive replacement. ( I didn't consider the "convenience factor of a rear drive.)

What has changed since then? The \$300 for chain/sprockets at the dealer is now \$600. So it is now about a breakeven considering added labor for a rear drive.

A major consideration on my current bike was to purchase a chain vs. have a dealer replace it. The MSRP aftermarket chain is \$150. However on-line I found the same aftermarket chain for about \$100 through Amazon.com after checking multiple specialized chain/sprocket and motorcycle stores. The dealers cost is higher due to the added half hour labor cost plus BMW OEM parts premium.

A critical step in installing a MC chain is connecting the ends. There are four types of master links: Clip (push-on clip), pressure clip-on link (same as regular clip link but more secure), rivet (used with most road MC applications where link rivets are peened over; requires special toll to break and peen the rivets) and screw-type master link (uses nuts on each link rivet to set the rivet and then break off to complete the installation.) EK chain manufacturer is the only one I found to offer a screw-type master link. There are NO special tools required for this link except for an open-end 10 mm wrench.

When I received the new 525 chain from Powersports911 (an Amazon marketer), I was surprised to find a screw-type master link instead of the cheaper standard rivet one. The cost for screw-type is about \$16 vs. standard \$7 but was included with the EK 525SRX2 chain. The link came with text instruction sheet but luckily I found a YouTube video that was much better explaining how do use it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLOHDu-ldKg> I don't know if this type of link works with other brands of chains.

Installation was very understandable and fast. I loosened the axle and screwed the chain adjusters all the way IN. Because I'm not replacing the sprockets this time (replace sprockets every other chain), I simply ground off one of the old chain links to separate the chain. Next, without removing the chain, I used the

old master link to connect my new chain and pull through the new chain around the front sprocket. This saves a lot of work by not removing engine side housings and shifter in order to position the chain over the front sprocket. With new chain in-place and both ends on the rear sprocket, I inserted the new screw-type master link (used plenty of grease on link shafts and o-rings).



Next I put on the link side cover and hand tightened the two link nuts. Then per the instructions, I alternately tightened the locking nuts with a 10 mm wrench. When tight, I unscrewed them and re-screwed them ON but not as far... then with pressure pliers or socket, broke off the nuts. After grinding the rough edges of the rivets where they had been broken off, the project was done except for readjusting chain tension.



No special tools required and I have a secure rivet-like master link.



Total cost was about \$100.

There's an excellent presentation on chain lubes on Youtube by my favorite presenter of anything motorcycle: FortNine. See. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnPYdcbcAe0> Find out which lube is the best and why.

#### Real Life Motorcycle Signals

@charlie



## Addendum to Chain Replacement

Given it was raining the next day after replacing my chain and I had little to do, I decided to analyze my old chain wear vs. BMW spec.

BMW says that the max useable chain length should be 5.7 inches over 10 rivets. My old chain measured 5.68 inches; just about the BMW maximum length specification. This makes some sense since my chain adjustment mark was about 5 out of 6 showing.

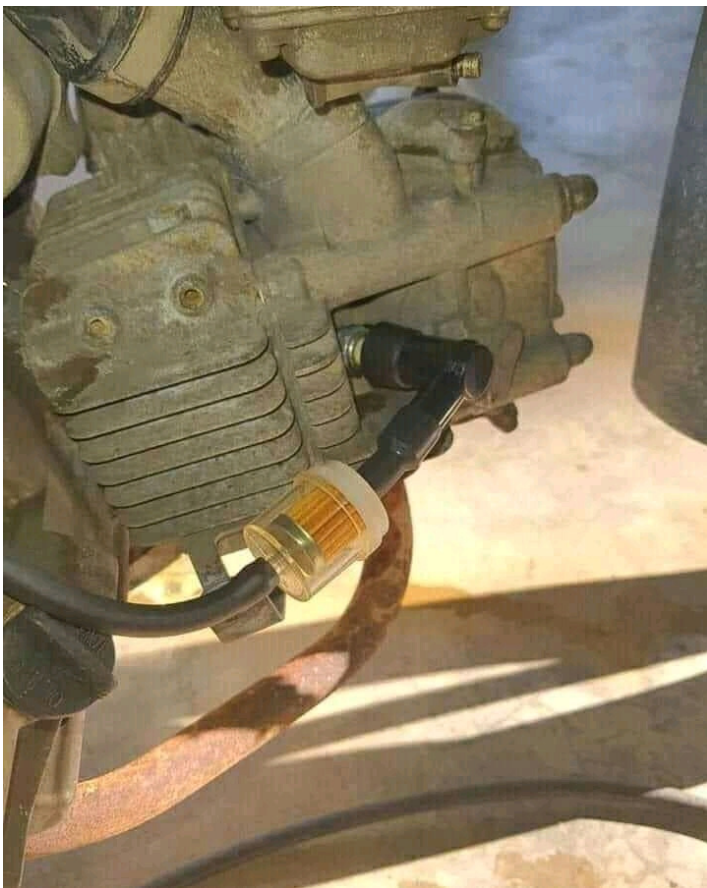
I guess I could have run more miles like I did on my last bike, the F800GSA. In this case, I was at Fontana

MOA getaway rally near the Dragon and my chain was adjusted all the way out and was still loose. A slow 60 miles trip to the Ashville BMW fixed it however with a 5 hour rally interruption.

Another point worth noting is that there was rust on the rollers of the chain (on the link that we cut off to separate the chain). Scott D. who helped me with the project suggested that I never should use a power washer to clean the chain as it forces water under the o- or x-rings... then the water never escapes. I almost always go to a car wash station to clean my bike after long distance rides. I'll avoid spraying chain, brakes, and wheel bearings areas in the future.

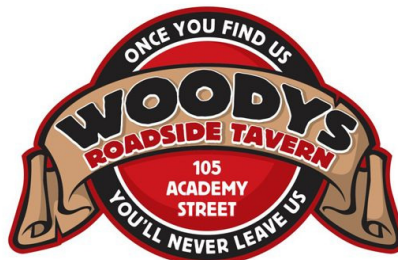


*IronButt anyone?*



## MOTORCYCLE BINGO

GONE TO STURGIS	REPLACED YOUR EXHAUST	RODE IN THE RAIN	COMPLETED THE IRON BUTT CHALLENGE	TAKEN A SAFETY COURSE
HAD A BREAKDOWN	CHANGED YOUR BATTERY	DONE A BURNOUT	CHANGED YOUR BATTERY	RODE THE PCH
REPLACED YOUR AIR FILTER OR INTAKE	CHANGED YOUR OWN OIL	FREE	GONE ON A ROAD TRIP	CHANGED YOUR OWN BRAKE PADS
CHANGED YOUR OWN TIRES	RAN OUT OF GAS	DONE A WHEELIE	GOTTEN A FLAT TIRE	RODE THE TAIL OF THE DRAGON
DROPPED THE BIKE	GONE TO DAYTONA BIKE WEEK	RODE THROUGH SNOW/ICE	RODE THE TWISTED SISTERS	PUT YOUR BIKE ON A DYNO



## September Meeting!

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6PM Eat, 7:30PM Business Meeting.  
Woody's Roadside Tavern, Farmingdale